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# Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 46th to 48th and 56th meetings, on 5, 7 and 8 May and 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.46-48 and 56).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 (A/57/678);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/679 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 and budget for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/723);

(d) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/772 and Add.5).

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## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.67

4. At the 56th meeting, on 4 June, the representative of Indonesia and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" (A/C.5/57/L.67).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.67 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Egypt and Greece (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) (see A/C.5/57/SR.56).

## III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

*Recalling also* its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/295 of 27 June 2002,

*Acknowledging* the complexity of the Mission,

*Reaffirming* the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 31 March 2003, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 105.2 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-

[1] A/57/678, A/57/679 and Corr.1, and A/57/723.

[2] A/57/772 and Add.5.

three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* about the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

**Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002**

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[4]

**Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004**

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 329,737,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, inclusive of 315,518,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 10,887,900 dollars for the support account for

[3] A/57/772/Add.5.
[4] A/57/678.

peacekeeping operations and 3,331,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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13. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 329,737,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 27,478,092 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of the same date and 57/290 of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, and for 2004;[5]

14. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 22,354,400 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,862,867 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 19,704,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,453,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, and the prorated share of 196,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 63,626,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2002 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

16. *Also decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 63,626,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Further decides* that the decrease of 506,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".